



**ROCKFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**September Meeting
Minutes**

Monday, September 30, 2024

Present:	Jeff DiBenedetto, Chairman Anisha Grimmett, Vice Chair Jaime Sanchez, Commissioner Simone Cameron, Commissioner	Staff:	Laura Snyder, CEO Odessa Walker, COO Tim Horning, RHA Legal Counsel Angel Mackey, Executive Assistant Jennifer Matlick, Human Services Assistant
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Absent:

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 pm

MINUTES:

Vice Chair Grimmett moved that the RHA Board of Commissioners approve the minutes from the August meeting held on August 15, 2024. Commissioner Sanchez seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners: Grimmett, Sanchez, Cameron, DiBenedetto

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

John Brantley Renewal Turning Point,

Financial Report

John Brantley provided an update on the finances for the year to date and the month of September.

Student Transportation Update

John Brantley is continuing to transport students from the Fairgrounds as part of the ongoing community initiative to support youth in the area.

Community

A team has been formed to address the recent clashes between local cliques. The team includes Tommy Meeks, Tim the director of Pond's Funeral Home, John Brantley, and other community members. The team's goal is to help alleviate violence by providing resources such as:

- Jobs and job training
- Life skills education
- Mental health services

Upcoming Meeting

A meeting is scheduled to take place at the library to discuss solutions and offer support to the community. The library has agreed to provide security for the meeting. This will be a separate, private session to focus on resolving the issues.

CHECKS:

Vice Chair Grimmatt moved that the RHA Board of Commissioners approve the checks from August . Commissioner Sanchez seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners: Grimmatt, Sanchez, Cameron, DiBenedetto

Nays:

MOTION APPROVED

LIPH OCCUPANCY & HCV UTILIZATION

LIPH Occupancy

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|---------------------------|--------|
| • Blackhawk | 93.84% |
| • Park Terrace & Low-rise | 94.00% |
| • North Main Manor | 94.08% |
| • Olesen Plaza | 93.33% |
| • Scattered Sites East | 97.98% |
| • Scattered Sites West | 96.96% |

HCV Utilization

- 1677

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Resolution #2023-024

Vice Chair Grimmiett moved that the RHA Board of Commissioners layover the review and approval of the Closed Meeting Minutes until the September Meeting; Commissioner Sanchez seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners: Grimmiett, Sanchez, Cameron, DiBenedetto

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Sanchez moved that the RHA Board of Commissioners approve the Collection Loss Write-off for vacant uncollectible accounts for the month of July in the amount of \$16,658.99. Commissioner Cameron seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners: Sanchez, Cameron, Grimmiett, DiBenedetto

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #2024-016

RESOLUTION THAT THE RHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE DRAFT FISCAL YEAR 2025 OPERATING BUDGETS OF THE AUTHORITY

Commissioner Cameron moved that the RHA Board of Commissioners approve the Fiscal Year 2025 Operating Budgets of the Authority. Vice Chair Grimmiett seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners: Cameron, Grimmiett, Sanchez, DiBenedetto

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED

Resolution #2024-017

RESOLUTION THAT THE RHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE CONTRACT FOR RUIZ CONSTRUCTION, INC FOR THE STRAHMOOR/MULFOR PROJECT FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$379,119.00.

Vice Chair Grimmiett moved that the RHA Board of Commissioners approve the contract for Ruiz Construction, Inc for the Strathmore/Mulford project for the amount of \$379,118.00 Commissioner Cameron seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners: Grimmiett, Cameron, DiBenedetto

Nays: None

Abstain: Commissioners: Sanchez

MOTION APPROVED

R.A.B – RESIDENT ADVISORY BOARD

Ken Oliver, RAB President

- Ken and one other RAB member have successfully completed certification with the Illinois Food Bank to support initiatives for the Rockford Housing Authority.
- The "Check on Me" program now has 20 active participants. This program continues to provide valuable support and check-ins for residents.
- Upcoming Food Summit
The Riverfront Museum will be hosting a food summit on Thursday. This event will focus on addressing food insecurity and related issues within the community. More details will be shared with participants leading up to the event.

RHA Commissioner

Discussion of Meeting Date Change

The RHA Commissioners discussed their availability for the next scheduled meeting, which was originally set for Thursday, October 17th. Both Chairman DiBenedetto and Vice Chair Grimmatt will not be available on the 17th and have requested that the meeting date be changed to Wednesday, October 16th.

Resolution #2024-018

RESOLUTION THAT THE RHA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVE THE OCTOBER BOARD MEETING BE RESCHEDULED FROM OCTOBER 17, 2024, TO OCTOBER 16, 2024

Vice Chair Grimmatt moved that the RHA Board of Commissioners approve the October board meeting be rescheduled from October 17, 2024, to October 16, 2024
Commissioner Cameron seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners: Grimmatt, Cameron, Sanchez, DiBenedetto

Nays: None

MOTION APPROVED

Discussion: NAHRO Conference Debrief Meeting

A discussion was held regarding hosting a debrief meeting for the recent NAHRO conference. It was agreed that this meeting will take place on Thursday, October 3, 2024 at 2:00pm

At 4:54pm pm, with no further business, Commissioner Sanchez made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Cameron seconded the motion.

Ayes: Commissioners: Sanchez, Cameron, Grimmatt, DiBenedetto

Nays: None

MOTION PREVAILED

Chairman, Jeff DiBenedetto

Board Secretary, Laura Snyder